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CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

To accompany:

Americans not Aliens Act

Pursuant to clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: "[The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

Longstanding Supreme Court precedent recognizes Congress as having plenary power over immigration, giving it almost complete authority to decide whether aliens may enter or remain in the United States.

In exercising its power over immigration, Congress can make laws concerning aliens that would be unconstitutional if applied to citizens. Demore v. Kim, 538 U.S. 510, 522 (2003)

Congress has sole authority to authorize aliens for work — the executive branch does not share such authority with Congress.